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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1112

Introduced by Assembly Member Lopez

February 27, 2015

An act to amend Sections 41976, 84757, and 84830 of the Education Code, relating to adult education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1112, as amended, Lopez. Adult education: consortia: *parenting education: family literacy education.*

Existing law requires adult schools and evening high schools to consist of classes for adults. Existing law authorizes minors to be admitted into those classes pursuant to policies adopted by the governing board of the school district if those minors meet certain eligibility requirements.

(1) Existing law authorizes the governing board of a school district maintaining secondary schools to establish and maintain classes for adults, as specified. Existing law authorizes specified classes and courses to be offered by school districts and county superintendents of schools for apportionment purposes from the adult education fund, including, among other subject matters, classes and courses for adult programs in parenting education.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law requires specified noncredit community college courses and classes to be eligible for program-based funding from the state, including, among other subject matters, parenting education courses and classes.

This bill would specify that, for the purposes of funding from the adult education fund or from program-based community college funding, as described above, parenting education includes family literacy education, as specified.

Existing

(2) Existing law requires the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the State Department of Education, pursuant to funding made available in the annual Budget Act, to jointly provide 2-year planning and implementation grants to regional consortia of community college districts and school districts for developing regional plans to better serve the educational needs of adults. Existing law requires the grant funds provided under this program to be used by each regional consortium to create and implement a plan to better provide adults in its region with all of the following: elementary and secondary basic skills; classes and courses for immigrants eligible for educational services in citizenship and English as a second language, and workforce preparation classes in basic skills; education programs for adults with disabilities; short-term career technical education programs; and programs for apprentices.

~~This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to provide for both of the following: that the funding distributed to local educational agencies through adult education consortia, as described, continues to be available to pupils who are minors participating in high school credit recovery pursuant to designated provisions; and that no more than 10% of the apportionment received by a local educational agency for adult education will be used for pupils in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, as specified~~ *additionally require the plan to better provide adults in the region with parenting education, including, but not necessarily limited to, parent cooperative preschools and classes in child growth and development and parent-child relationships, and family literacy education, as specified.*

To the extent that this bill would impose new duties on school districts and community college districts that participate in these regional consortia, it would constitute a state-mandated local program.

(3) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state,

reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: ~~no~~-yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 41976 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:

3 41976. (a) For purposes of this chapter, the following classes
4 and courses are authorized to be offered by school districts and
5 county superintendents of schools for apportionment purposes
6 from the adult education fund:

7 (1) Adult programs in parenting, including, *but not necessarily*
8 *limited to*, parent cooperative preschools, and classes in child
9 growth and development, parent-child relationships, ~~and~~ parenting,
10 *and family literacy education, which may include support to*
11 *children and schooled youth with limited English proficiency*
12 *backgrounds in the households of participating adults.*

13 (2) Adult programs in elementary and secondary basic skills
14 and other courses and classes required for the high school diploma.
15 Apportionments for these courses and classes may only be
16 generated by students who do not possess a high school diploma,
17 except for remedial academic courses or classes in reading,
18 mathematics, and language arts.

19 (3) Adult education programs in English as a second language.

20 (4) Adult education programs for immigrants eligible for
21 educational services in citizenship, English as a second language,
22 and workforce preparation classes in the basic skills of speaking,
23 listening, reading, writing, mathematics, decisionmaking and
24 problem solving skills, and other classes required for preparation
25 to participate in job specific technical training.

26 (5) Adult education programs for adults with disabilities.

27 (6) Adult short-term career technical education programs with
28 high employment potential. Any reference to “vocational”
29 education or programs in adult education means “career technical”
30 education or programs in adult education.

31 (7) Adult programs for older adults.

32 (8) Adult education programs for apprentices.

33 (9) Adult programs in home economics.

- 1 (10) Adult programs in health and safety education.
- 2 (b) No state apportionment shall be made for any course or class
- 3 which is not set forth in subdivision (a).

4 *SEC. 2. Section 84757 of the Education Code is amended to*
 5 *read:*

6 84757. (a) For purposes of this chapter, the following noncredit
 7 courses and classes shall be eligible for funding:

8 (1) Parenting, including, *but not necessarily limited to*, parent
 9 cooperative ~~preschools~~, *preschools and classes in child growth*
 10 ~~and development~~ *and development*, parent-child relationships, *and*
 11 *family literacy education, which may include support to children*
 12 *and schooled youth with limited English proficiency backgrounds*
 13 *in the households of participating adults.*

14 (2) Elementary and secondary basic skills and other courses and
 15 classes such as remedial academic courses or classes in reading,
 16 mathematics, and language arts.

17 (3) English as a second language.

18 (4) Classes and courses for immigrants eligible for educational
 19 services in citizenship, English as a second language, and work
 20 force preparation classes in the basic skills of speaking, listening,
 21 reading, writing, mathematics, decisionmaking and problem solving
 22 skills, and other classes required for preparation to participate in
 23 job-specific technical training.

24 (5) Education programs for persons with substantial disabilities.

25 (6) Short-term vocational programs with high employment
 26 potential.

27 (7) Education programs for older adults.

28 (8) Education programs for home economics.

29 (9) Health and safety education.

30 (b) No state apportionment shall be made for any course or class
 31 that is not set forth in subdivision (a) and for which no credit is
 32 given.

33 *SEC. 3. Section 84830 of the Education Code is amended to*
 34 *read:*

35 84830. (a) The Chancellor of the California Community
 36 Colleges and the State Department of Education shall, pursuant to
 37 funding made available in the annual Budget Act, jointly provide
 38 two-year planning and implementation grants to regional consortia
 39 of community college districts and school districts for the purpose

1 of developing regional plans to better serve the educational needs
2 of adults.

3 (1) Eligibility shall be limited to consortia consisting of at least
4 one community college district and at least one school district
5 within the boundaries of the community college district, either of
6 which may serve as the consortium's fiscal agent, as determined
7 by the applicant consortium.

8 (2) If a community college district chooses not to participate in
9 a consortium, a neighboring community college district may form
10 a consortium with school districts within the boundaries of the
11 nonparticipating community college district.

12 (3) Consortia may include other entities providing adult
13 education courses, including, but not necessarily limited to,
14 correctional facilities, other local public entities, and
15 community-based organizations.

16 (b) Grant funds provided pursuant to this section shall be used
17 by each regional consortium to create and implement a plan to
18 better provide adults in its region with all of the following:

19 (1) Elementary and secondary basic skills, including classes
20 required for a high school diploma or high school equivalency
21 certificate.

22 (2) Classes and courses for immigrants eligible for educational
23 services in citizenship and English as a second language, and
24 workforce preparation classes in basic skills.

25 (3) Education programs for adults with disabilities.

26 (4) Short-term career technical education programs with high
27 employment potential.

28 (5) Programs for apprentices.

29 (6) *Parenting education, including, but not necessarily limited*
30 *to, parent cooperative preschools and classes in child growth and*
31 *development and parent-child relationships, and family literacy*
32 *education, which may include support to children and schoolaged*
33 *youth with limited English proficiency backgrounds in the*
34 *households of participating adults.*

35 (c) (1) The classes and courses described in paragraphs (1) and
36 (2) of subdivision (b) shall distribute basic information on
37 American government and civics that includes, but is not limited
38 to, instruction on all of the following:

39 (A) Federal, state, and local government.

40 (B) The three branches of government.

1 (C) The importance of civic engagement.

2 (D) Registering to vote.

3 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature that, consistent with the
4 requirements of Sections 51225.3 and 52555, students enrolled in
5 classes and courses described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of
6 subdivision (b) in which instruction in American government and
7 civics is appropriate shall receive instruction in American
8 government and civics.

9 (d) Each regional consortium's plan shall include, at a minimum:

10 (1) An evaluation of current levels and types of adult education
11 programs within its region, including education for adults in
12 correctional facilities; credit, noncredit, and enhanced noncredit
13 adult education coursework; and programs funded through Title
14 II of the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, known as the
15 Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (Public Law 105-220).

16 (2) An evaluation of current needs for adult education programs
17 within its region.

18 (3) Plans for parties that make up the consortium to integrate
19 their existing programs and create seamless transitions into
20 postsecondary education or the workforce.

21 (4) Plans to address the gaps identified pursuant to paragraphs
22 (1) and (2).

23 (5) Plans to employ approaches proven to accelerate a student's
24 progress toward his or her academic or career goals, such as
25 contextualized basic skills and career technical education, and
26 other joint programming strategies between adult education and
27 career technical education.

28 (6) Plans to collaborate in the provision of ongoing professional
29 development opportunities for faculty and other staff to help them
30 achieve greater program integration and improve student outcomes.

31 (7) Plans to leverage existing regional structures, including, but
32 not necessarily limited to, local workforce investment areas.

33 (e) The Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and
34 the State Department of Education may identify additional elements
35 that consortia must include in a plan.

36 (f) (1) On or before March 1, 2014, the Chancellor of the
37 California Community Colleges and the State Department of
38 Education shall submit a joint report to the Legislature and the
39 Governor. This report shall include, but not necessarily be limited
40 to, both of the following:

1 (A) The status of developing regional consortia across the state,
2 including identification of unserved geographic areas or emerging
3 gaps in regional program delivery.

4 (B) The status and allocation of grant awards made to regional
5 consortia.

6 (2) The report shall be submitted to the Legislature as provided
7 in Section 9795 of the Government Code.

8 (g) (1) On or before March 1, 2015, the Chancellor of the
9 California Community Colleges and the State Department of
10 Education shall submit a joint report to the Legislature and the
11 Governor. This report shall include, but is not limited to, both of
12 the following:

13 (A) The plans developed by regional consortia across the state.

14 (B) Recommendations for additional improvements in the
15 delivery system serving adult learners.

16 (2) The report shall be submitted to the Legislature as provided
17 in Section 9795 of the Government Code.

18 (h) It is the intent of the Legislature to work toward developing
19 common policies related to adult education affecting adult schools
20 at local educational agencies and community colleges, including
21 policies on fees and funding levels.

22 (i) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide additional funding
23 in the 2015–16 fiscal year to regional consortia to expand and
24 improve the provision of adult education.

25 *SEC. 4. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that*
26 *this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to*
27 *local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made*
28 *pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division*
29 *4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.*

30 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
31 ~~legislation to provide for both of the following:~~

32 ~~(a) That the funding distributed to local educational agencies~~
33 ~~through adult education consortia as described in Section 84830~~
34 ~~of the Education Code continues to be available to pupils who are~~
35 ~~minors participating in high school credit recovery pursuant to~~
36 ~~Sections 52500.1 and 52523 of the Education Code.~~

37 ~~(b) That no more than 10 percent of the apportionment received~~
38 ~~by a local educational agency for adult education will be used for~~
39 ~~pupils in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, as referenced in subdivision (c)~~
40 ~~of Section 52616.17 of the Education Code.~~

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